

B-3101 - B-3109
801-835 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

1822/1835-1855

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

801 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice occupies the south-east corner of Light and Montgomery streets. The first floor has been converted into a shopfront and is now occupied by the Dover Building and Loan Association.

The building is three stories in height, three bays wide (18') along Light St., and ~~7~~ bays deep (60') along Montgomery St. The last 3 bays along Montgomery St. are only two stories in height. The building is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a Neo-Grec cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by pairs of carved brackets decorated with two deep grooves and terminating with an anthemion. The brackets connect the cornice to a lower molding strip. The brick freize area thus formed is punctuated by square and rectangular panels formed by applied molding strips. An extra pair of brackets supports an extension of the cornice around the Montgomery St. corner. There is a rectangular chimney along the south end wall of the main structure and a rear end chimney at the eastern end of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings fronting on Light St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid tympanums and wood sills. The window openings along Montgomery St. have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. All of the windows are filled with 1/1 sash. The first floor fronting on Light St., and extending for 3 bays along Montgomery St. has been converted into a storefront. The door has been set at an angle to the street, recessed under the second floor. The late Victorian glass and panel door is flanked by two vertical side-lights. A square stone pier supports the corner of the second floor. On either side of the doorway (along the Light and Montgomery St. facades) there is a large plate glass panel set on a stone base and flanked at its outer edge by stone Doric pilasters. The storefront area is defined by a cornice that runs along both the Light and Montgomery St. facades, consisting of a projecting crown molding with reeded trim set over a freize area displaying the name of the current occupiers of the building. The building sits on a very low basement, the entrance being reached by a wide stone platform.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES orig. c. 1835/enl. 1867-72 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph Donovan (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a large group of gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's (in this case, earlier) to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. ~~The first owner o~~

The first owner of this house (in its original form), a George Taylor, operated a grocery store on this site in the late 1830's.¹ The second owner, who bought the house for \$1350 in 1841, also operated a grocery store here. This occupant, a German immigrant named Alois Abendschoen, continued to run a grocery at this location until his death in about 1866.² The third owner of the property, a Charles Muller, who also ran a grocery at this location, apparently improved the property before he sold it in 1872 for \$4000 to a Frederick Ritterhoff, who then ran a confectionery here throughout the 1880's. Thus, as both a gable-roofed house, and then as a larger, Victorian-style house, this building served for some fifty years as a grocery store with quarters above for the family who operated the grocery.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1837

²Ibid., 1842; Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 311, Folio 468

³Ibid., 1867, 1874; Land Records, Liber GR 578, Folio 393

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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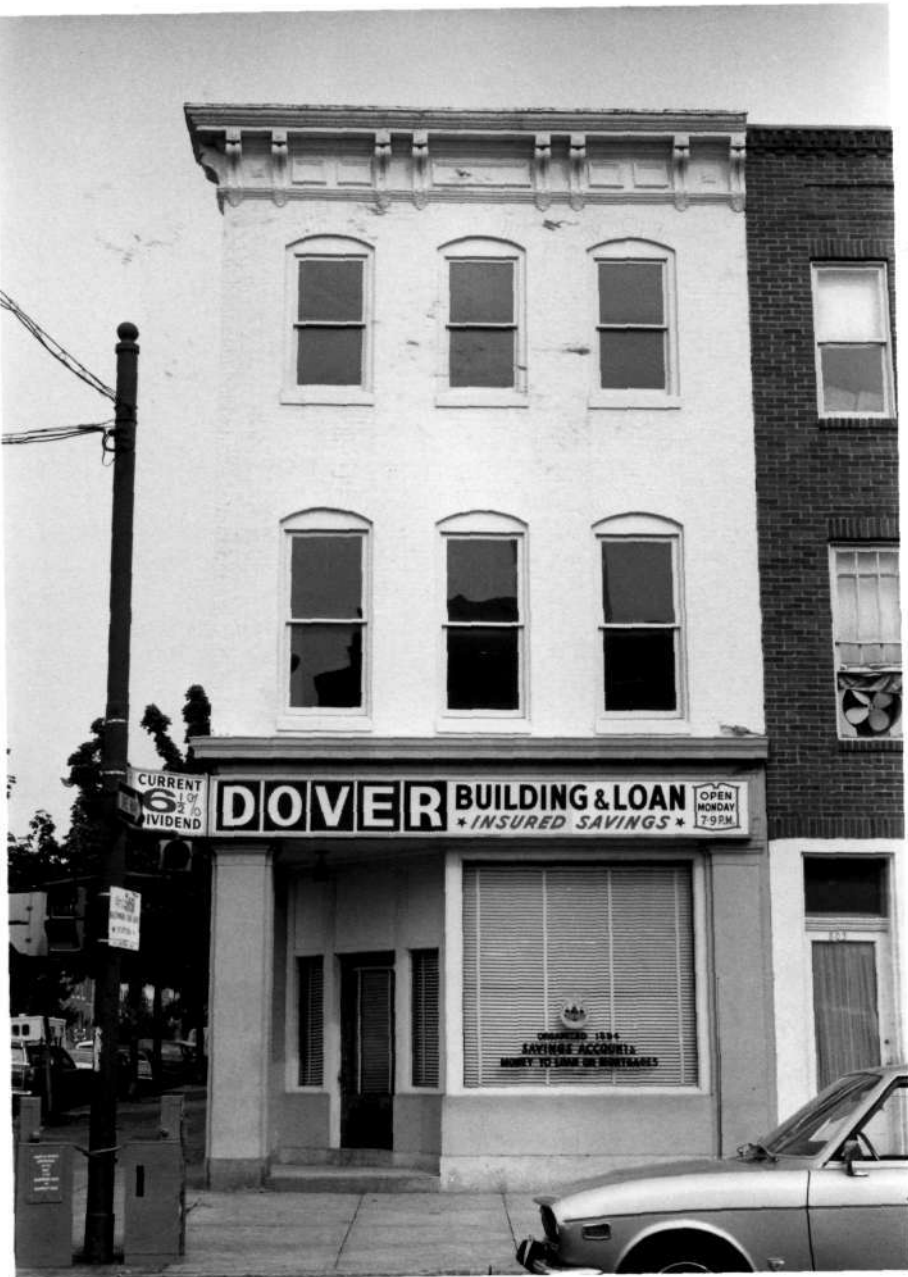
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CITY

B-3101
801 Light Street
Block 0906 Lot 027
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation